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# ARIC ALMIROLA

## Smithfield Racing Team Report

### Round 26 of 36 – Coke Zero Sugar 400 – Daytona

**Car No.:** 10 Smithfield Hometown Original Heroes Ford Mustang

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#### **Primary Team Members:**

**Driver:** Aric Almirola  
**Hometown:** Tampa, Florida

Car Chief: Jerry Cook  
Hometown: Toledo, Ohio

Engine Tuner: Matt Moeller  
Hometown: Monroe, New York

Crew Chief: Mike Bugarewicz  
Hometown: Lehigh, Pennsylvania  
Engine Builder: Roush Yates Racing  
Headquarters: Mooresville, North Carolina  
Spotter: Joel Edmonds  
Hometown: Dobson, North Carolina

#### **Over-The-Wall Crew Members:**

Gas Man: James “Ace” Keener  
Hometown: Fortuna, California  
Tire Carrier: Tyler Bullard  
Hometown: King, North Carolina  
Jackman: Corbin Martin  
Hometown: Winston Salem, North Carolina

Front Tire Changer: Clay Robinson  
Hometown: Simi Valley, California  
Rear Tire Changer: Daniel Coffey  
Hometown: Granite Falls, North Carolina

#### **Daytona Notes of Interest:**

- Almirola won the July 6, 2014 Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona. It was his first and only NASCAR Cup Series win at the track and his second top-five there.
- Almirola started on the pole in his first NASCAR Xfinity Series outing at Daytona in July 2007. Additionally, the Stewart-Haas Racing (SHR) driver also captured one Daytona win in the Xfinity Series while piloting the No. 98 Biagi-Den Beste Ford Mustang in July 2016. Almirola has three Daytona starts in the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series with a best finish of 12th.
- **Career:** Almirola has career totals of two wins, two poles, 23 top-five finishes, 75 top-10s and 823 laps led in 341 starts.
- **Points:** Almirola sits eighth in the driver standings with 640 points – 301 behind leader and SHR teammate Kevin Harvick.
- **Last win:** Almirola’s Oct. 14, 2018 win at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway was his most recent in the Cup Series.
- To nominate a hometown hero, visit [www.SmithfieldHometownHeroes.com](http://www.SmithfieldHometownHeroes.com) and submit a one-minute video nominating the “Hometown Hero.” Ten heroes will be chosen to have their stories told and will have their names riding onboard the No. 10 Smithfield Ford Mustang at a race during the NASCAR playoffs this fall. The heroes will also receive a VIP race day experience and full-year supply of Smithfield “Hometown Original” bacon.
- **‘Beyond the 10’** – Almirola is back with season two of his YouTube documentary series, where fans can get VIP, behind-the-scenes access by subscribing to his YouTube channel. Episodes showcase never-before-seen footage of Almirola at the racetrack, on iRacing, and “A Day in the Life” during the week, as well as all that goes into a NASCAR Cup Series driver’s season. Click [here](#) to subscribe on YouTube and watch the latest episode.
- **Crew chief** Mike Bugarewicz is in his fifth full-time season at SHR and his first with Almirola. To learn more click [here](#).

## ARIC ALMIROLA'S DAYTONA PERFORMANCE PROFILE:

Year	Date	Event	Start	Finish	Status/Laps	Laps Led	Earnings
2020	2/16	Daytona 500	5	22	Running, 205/209	6	N/A
2019	2/17	Daytona 500	8	32	Accident, 190/207	0	N/A
	7/7	*Coke Zero Sugar 400	11	7	Running, 127/127	0	N/A
2018	7/7	Coke Zero Sugar 400	26	27	Accident, 155/168	0	N/A
	2/17	Daytona 500	37	11	Accident, 206/207	1	N/A
2017	2/26	Daytona 500	13	4	Running, 200/200	2	N/A
2016	2/21	Daytona 500	34	12	Running, 200/200	0	N/A
	7/2	◇Coke Zero 400	14	15	Running, 161/161	0	N/A
2015	2/22	Daytona 500	33	15	Running, 203/203	0	\$363,106
	7/5	×=Coke Zero 400	36	34	Running, 137/161	0	\$132,146
2014	2/23	Daytona 500	13	39	Accident, 146/200	5	\$317,939
	7/6	<b>*Coke Zero 400</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Running, 112/112</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$377,176</b>
2013	2/24	Daytona 500	26	13	Running, 200/200	0	\$356,449
	7/6	×Coke Zero 400	30	38	Accident, 127/161	0	\$124,571
2012	2/27	×Daytona 500	27	33	Accident, 187/202	0	\$320,986
	7/7	Coke Zero 400	17	19	Running, 160/160	0	\$135,966
2009	2/15	*Daytona 500	11	30	Running, 152/152	0	\$286,288

\* Race cut short due to weather.

× Race length extended due to green-white-checkered finish.

= Qualifying canceled due to weather, starting position set via practice speed

◇ Race length was extended due to overtime finish